



NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) An Overview

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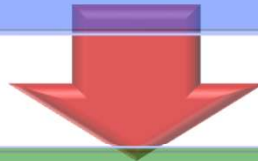
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About the LRPs

NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) represent a **vital component** of our nation's efforts to keep health professionals in research careers

Here's how it works:

YOU: Commit to perform research for 2 years



NIH: Repays up to **\$50,000/year** of your **qualified educational** debt & covers resulting Federal taxes (39%)



Outcome: Increase in nation's stock of biomedical research scientists



6 Extramural NIH LRP Subcategories:

For individuals conducting research at non-profit institutions



Clinical Research

- Patient-oriented research conducted with human subjects or materials of human origin (including cognitive phenomenon) on the causes and consequences of disease in humans



Pediatric Research

- Research related to diseases or disorders in children
- Basic research allowed



Health Disparities Research

- Research focusing on minority and other health disparity populations
- Basic, clinical, social and behavioral research allowed
- Applications reviewed NIH ICs



Contraception & Infertility Research

- Research focusing on conditions impacting ability to conceive or bear children and provide new or improved methods of preventing pregnancy
- Applications reviewed by Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD



Clinical DB

- Same as Clinical Research LRP
- Available to clinical researchers from verifiable disadvantaged backgrounds
- Reviewed by NIMHD

Research on Emerging Areas Critical to Human Health (REACH)

- Available beginning September 2021
- To recruit and retain researchers pursuing major opportunities or gaps in emerging areas of human health
- NIH ICs determine gap/emerging areas of research priority areas



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Application Cycle Timeline

- September 1 – November 15: Application Cycle Open
- November 15: Application, IBO and Colleague Deadline
- Jan – May: Application Review
- May: IC Initial Selections
- May – July: Financial Vetting and Verifications
- Mid-July – August: Final Funding Decisions/Applicant Notifications
- November: First Lender Payments



Basic LRP Eligibility Criteria

Extramural



Doctoral Degree

M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent

***Exception: Contraception & Infertility Research LRP**



Research Funding

Domestic nonprofit, university, or government organization;

***NIH grant support NOT required**



Citizenship

U.S. Citizen or permanent resident



Educational Loan Debt

At least 20 percent of applicant's annual income



Research Time

At least 20 hours/week



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Important Programmatic Updates

- LRP award increased to a maximum of \$50,000/year (award amount depends on awardee debt level)
- Health Disparities Research LRP participation expanded to all NIH ICs participating in the LRPs
- Research on Emerging Areas Critical to Human Health LRP (REACH) will launch September 1, 2021
- **NIH eRA Commons ID** required to start and submit a completed LRP application
- **Same deadline** for online application and colleague and institutional support documentation

= November 15th



BEFORE You Start Your Application


The following are things that you can do now to be ahead of the curve:

1. **Read LRP website and published notices** to determine which NIH LRP and IC is the right for you
2. **Talk to an NIH LRP Program Officer/Liaison** at the NIH Institute and Center that you would like to review your application
3. **Talk to your mentor, potential recommenders and your institutional business official** regarding your interest in applying for an LRP award
4. **Contact your lender** to get specific loan information (including account numbers, amounts owed and promissory notes)
5. **Make sure you have an eRA Commons ID**



Common Mistakes to Avoid

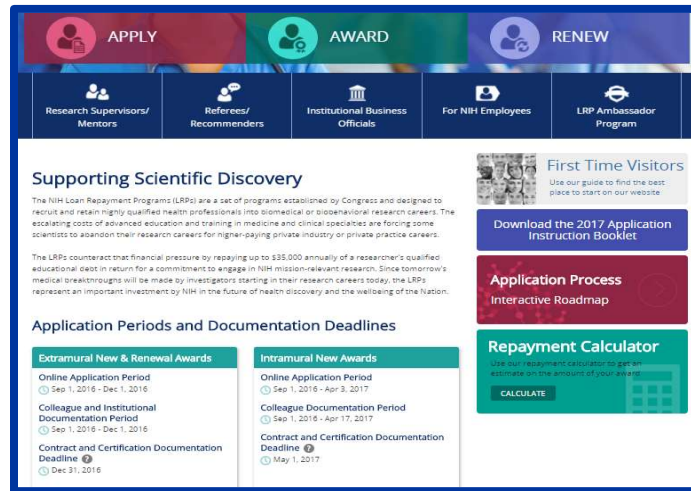
The following can weaken an applicant's competitiveness:

- Not contacting a program officer WELL BEFORE submitting application
- Weak or lukewarm recommendation letters ( kiss of death...)
- Questionable research commitment
- Mediocre research plan
- Rushed application (i.e., mistakes, misspellings)
- Inadequate research environment
- **Slim publication record**
 - ❑ If your record is slim, NEVER state, "I have a slim publication record, but"; Reviewers can tell by your CV; focus on identifying steps to improve
 - ❑ Include publication plans in your research plan (shows you're thinking about how to increase)
 - ❑ Also, your mentor can help here by discussing in their recommendation how they will help you in this area)



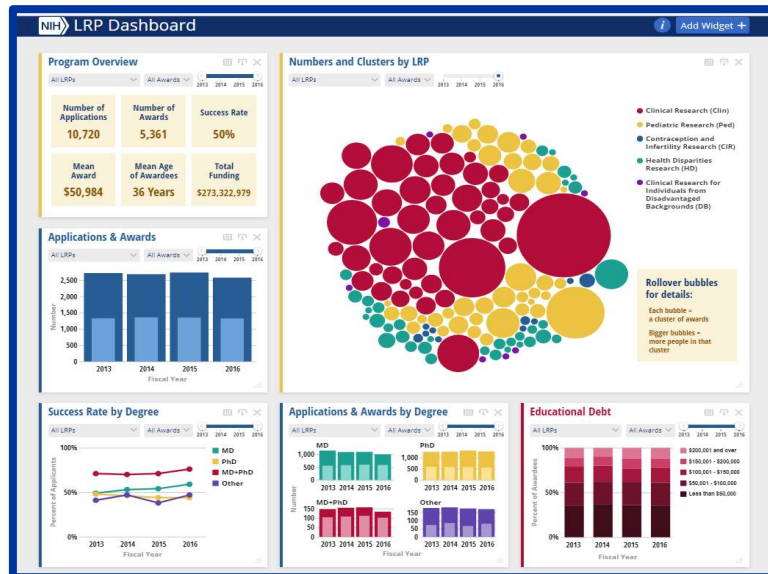
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LRP Website

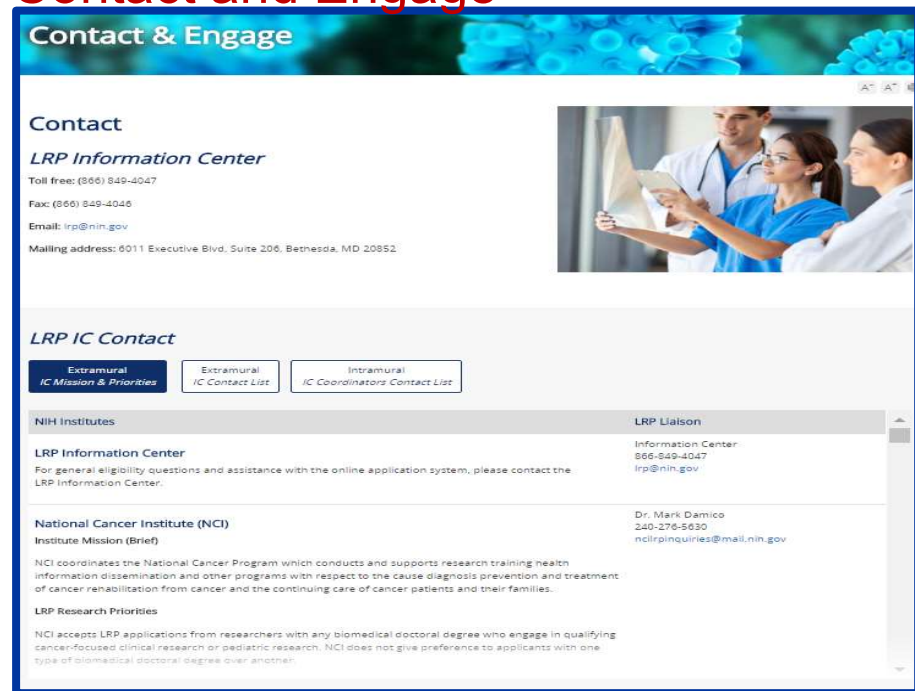


The LRP Website homepage features a navigation bar with 'APPLY', 'AWARD', and 'RENEW' buttons. Below this is a row of icons for 'Research Supervisors/Mentors', 'Referees/Recommenders', 'Institutional Business Officials', 'For NIH Employees', and 'LRP Ambassador Program'. The main content area includes a 'Supporting Scientific Discovery' section, a 'First Time Visitors' guide, a 'Download the 2017 Application Instruction Booklet' button, an 'Application Process Interactive Roadmap' button, and a 'Repayment Calculator' button. The 'Application Periods and Documentation Deadlines' section lists 'Extramural New & Renewal Awards' and 'Intramural New Awards' with their respective application and documentation periods.

LRP Data Dashboard



Contact and Engage



The LRP Contact & Engage page provides contact information for the LRP Information Center and the National Cancer Institute (NCI). The LRP Information Center contact details include a toll-free number (866) 849-4047, a fax number (866) 849-4046, an email address (lrp@nih.gov), and a mailing address: 6011 Executive Blvd, Suite 206, Bethesda, MD 20852. The NCI contact details include a Dr. Mark Damico, a phone number 240-276-5630, and an email address nclirp@nci.nih.gov. The page also includes a section for 'LRP IC Contact' with buttons for 'Extramural IC Mission & Priorities', 'Extramural IC Contact List', and 'Intramural IC Coordinators Contact List'.

LRP Ambassador Site



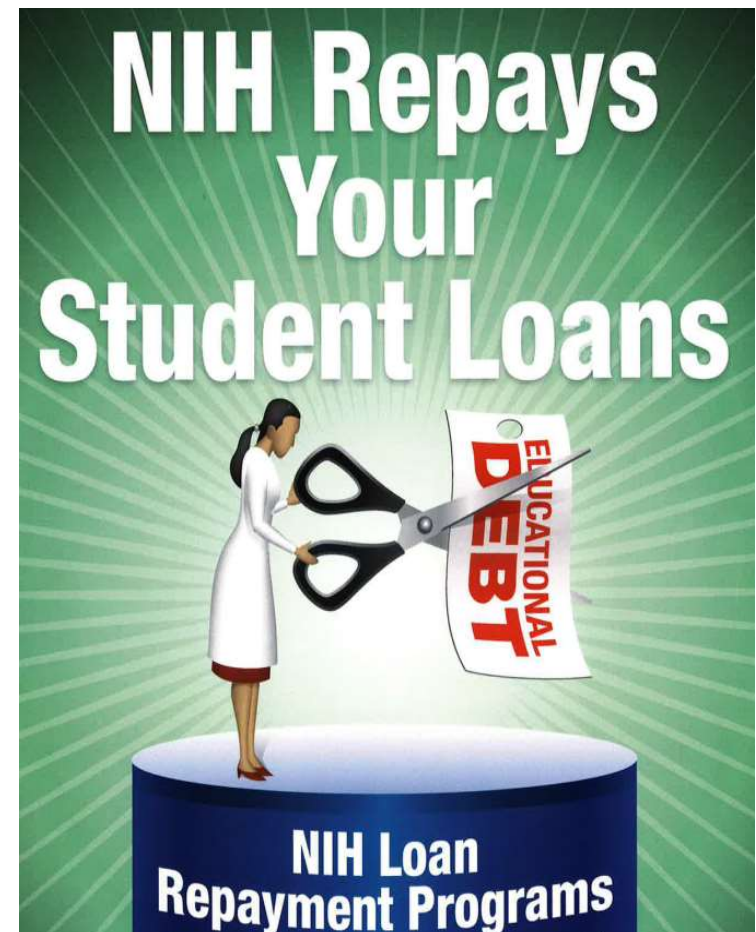
The LRP Ambassador Site provides information about the LRP Ambassador Program. It includes a section titled 'What is the LRP Ambassador Program?' which describes the program as a network of former and current LRP awardees that promote the NIH LRPs within their local extramural scientific community. The site also includes a section titled 'What does an LRP Ambassador do?' which describes the role of an ambassador as a personalized link/connection between the Division of Loan Repayment (DLR) and potential applicants. The site features a 'Find an LRP Ambassador' section with a map of the United States and a 'View the LRP Ambassador Directory' button. The 'LRP Ambassador Resources' section provides information about the resources available to ambassadors, including a presentation about the LRPs and information about how to order print materials.

Summary

- 6 Extramural LRPs
- All NIH ICs now participating in the HDR-LRP
- Educational loan repayment maximum up to **\$100K over 2 yrs**
 - Depending on debt level
- Coverage of most Federal taxes resulting from the NIH LRP
- 2 year initial contracts
 - 1 or 2 year competitive renewals
- Approximately 1,500 researchers funded yearly
- ~50% application success rate overall

****Applications Deadline - Nov 15th**

****Apply for your eRA Commons ID!**



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